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Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. has received \$45,000 from the Kessler Foundation for the agency's Star program, a collaboration with Warren County Community College that provides soft-skill training, career supports and employment opportunities to people with disabilities. The first cohort of Star students began classes on the WCCC campus in September, initiating a program where individuals with disabilities are provided the opportunity to develop job readiness skills through soft-skill instruction, receive community-based career exploration services and pursue the career of their choice.

"We are truly grateful for the Kessler Foundation and their support of this exceptional program," said Abilities CEO Cynthia B. Wildermuth. "Abilities mission is to ensure opportunities for growth and success are available for everyone seeking our assistance, and funding from wonderful organizations like Kessler allows us to expand on our innovative services."

The New Jersey-based Kessler Foundation, which is affiliated with the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, strives to improve the lives of people with physical and cognitive disabilities caused by stroke, multiple sclerosis, brain and spinal cord injury, and other chronic neurologic and musculoskeletal conditions.